

**Yolo County
Board of Supervisors**

Resolution No. 20-76

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING RACISM AS A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS

WHEREAS, historically, racism has manifested as discrimination and oppression toward numerous populations resulting in suppression, trauma and long-term detriments; and

WHEREAS, the United States Office of Disease Prevention recognizes that discrimination negatively impacts health outcomes; and

WHEREAS, in Yolo County we have local data that demonstrates the tremendous impact that social and institutional inequities like racism have on life expectancy across different communities in the county; and

WHEREAS, disparities start early, are rooted in social and economic inequities, and manifest themselves in poor health outcomes throughout life; and

WHEREAS, from unmet childcare needs to disparate third grade reading levels, Yolo County recognizes the socio-economic and race-based disparities; and

WHEREAS, individuals living in certain affluent areas of Yolo County can expect to live approximately 14 years longer than their counterparts living in less affluent areas; and

WHEREAS, racism has given rise to further geographic segregation and disproportionately exposes Black and Latinx people to poor air quality, inadequate nutrition, and a lack of recreational and health care facilities; and

WHEREAS, Black and Latinx residents of Yolo County are disproportionately impacted by the criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, when the building blocks for a healthy, long and prosperous life are disproportionately allocated, the community as a whole suffers; and

WHEREAS, educating the community on racial health inequities, processing the trauma of the past, creating a new narrative based a vision of health equity, equal justice and impartiality, can help to heal and change a community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Yolo County affirms that racism creates health inequities that result in disparities in family stability, physical and mental wellness, education, employment, public safety, criminal justice and housing; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Yolo County has committed to a course of action that recognizes and addresses racism and its attendant inequities in a manner that will endeavor to erase the pernicious and destructive damage of racism by ensuring meaningful progress in improving, for the good of all residents, inequalities in physical and mental health, education, employment, public safety, the judicial system and housing.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 21st day of July, 2020 by the following vote:

AYES: Provenza, Chamberlain, Villegas, Saylor, Sandy.

Gary Sandy, Chair
Yolo County Board of Supervisors